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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 00/56671 A (ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL LTD) 28 September 2000 whole document	1-28
A	US 5865956 A (BRIDLE et al) 2 February 1999	
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